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Teleflex Medical to Downsize Operations in Asheboro

ASHEBORO – Mayor David Smith was notified by phone yesterday that Arrow International, a division of Teleflex will significantly downsize its Asheboro manufacturing operation by 2017. The decision is part of global restructuring by the company. The Asheboro operation currently employs 470 full time jobs and 165 contract workers. The plant produces medical devices, specifically catheters and sterile surgical kits and has operated in Asheboro since 1952.

Arrow International was purchased by Teleflex in 2007. The Asheboro facility is the largest facility in the Arrow and vascular division of Teleflex. They occupy a facility of 203,500 square feet in the Central Piedmont Industrial Park.

The North Carolina Department of Commerce and Randolph Community College's rapid response team that will be available to work with employees for retraining and job placement services. Production will be relocating to another Arrow plant in Mexico. That should create Trade Adjustment Act eligibility for the workers, a program that helps people displaced by the relocation of manufacturing to other countries.

This company and their people have been an important part Asheboro for decades. "We deeply regret this decision and the impact it will have on the lives of employees and their families. That is our primary concern. It's a big loss for our community. We know that these workers are highly skilled and hard working and they will be a great addition to any employer. We stand ready to support them and to work with local company officials through the next three years of transition," said Mayor David Smith.

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